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ATHERTON RICHARDS LOSES
TO CASTLE IN WALL CUP

Holder of Two Legs Goes Down to Defeat—Won Third Out of Four Sets Played—Features Were Castle's Service and the Well Directed Placing of Richards.

After playing forty-seven games of tennis in four sets Saturday afternoon, Al. Castle defeated Atherton Richards and has one leg in the Wall Cup, Richards having two already, and if he had won out on Saturday he would have been the holder of the trophy.

Volley and smash, swift serving and lots of judgment in placing were the points which kept the several score of spectators interested from the time the match started until it was all over just before 6 o'clock, after nearly two hours of play.

Castle was in his best form in serving, but Richards handled most of his hot ones, although he was wild at times in the returns.

Time after time Richards had Castle running for one side of the court and then dropped the ball in behind him in such a manner that he could not whirl and touch it.

It was at times like these that Castle said things under his breath which showed he had his temper ruffled somewhat.

The first two sets went to Castle 6-4, 6-1, and the spectators thought it was all over, as Richards seemed weak about the end of the second set. Those who remembered his performance last year, when he won out after losing the first two sets, still thought there was a chance, and the next set, which he took 7-5, showed that he was still in the game.

It was in the last set that the real fighting was done, the final result being 10-8 in favor of Castle, which put him the winner of the tournament.

Castle was stronger than Richards, and it was this strength which finally told, although four separate times in the last set the winner had a chance to win but could not do so.

In the first set Richards started off strong, winning the first two games, but then Castle got to work and pulled three in succession. Then Richards took two more, but got no further than that point, while Castle went steadily ahead and won out in the set.

When the change of courts was made for the second set, the sun came out and was down so low that it shone directly in Richards' eyes, and this may have accounted for the result of the set. Al. won five straight games in this set, and then Richards took one, but Castle took the next, finishing the set.

Some hard fighting was indulged in during the third set, which Richards finally took 7-5. He started in strong and took three games before his opponent had a show, and this was a surprise to the spectators, who had seen him lose almost a love set just before.

After Richards had three games to his credit, Castle began to take a few, and from then on until the set closed at 7-5 in Richards' favor, the games went to each of the players one at a time.

In the fourth and final set Richards started out by taking the first game, but then Castle took the lead, losing it almost immediately when the score became tied at two-all. Three-all and four-all came soon after, and then Castle had his first chance to win out, with the score 5-4 in his favor.

He could not make a go of it, and Richards crept up and made it 6-5, then Castle took another, tying the score again. Next Castle took another and had the second chance to win out, with the score 7-6, but again could not do so.

Seven-all, and then 8-7 in Castle's favor, but for the third time he could not get the necessary second game. Eight-all and then Castle seemed to make a stronger effort than usual, his serves going over the net with the speed of a bullet, and he won two games straight, closing the set 10-8 and defeating Richards the necessary three sets out of five.

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